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To: Public Service Commission of S. C.
Attn: Docketing Dept.
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From: Charles Blackwell
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Re: Docket # 2009-489-E
(Utility Rate Hike—for S. C. Electric & Gas)

I hereby protest against the utility rate hike for S. C. Electric & Gas Company. In this time of budget cuts, jobs and homes losses, and no cost of living increases, with so many families struggling in their health and finances; and in view of the fact that S. C. Electric & Gas has already received a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008, I think that this **present hike should be denied to them.**

Thanks for your consideration in these matters.